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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Government are unable to disclose the contents of the correspondence referred to, as they are confidential and it would not be in the public interest to do so."

Vyasarpady tank, Perambur, Madras.

* 1068 Q.—SRI S. PAKKIRISWAMI PILLAI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether there is a scheme to convert the Vyasarpady tank in Perambur, Madras City, into a house-site; and

(b) if so, when the scheme would be put into operation?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) Yes. The Government have directed the Corporation of Madras to prepare, publish and submit to the Government for their sanction the Vyasarpady No. III Area Town-Planning Scheme. The scheme envisages the reclamation and development of the Vyasarpady tank bed area as house-sites.

" (b) The scheme will be put into operation after it is prepared and submitted to the Government by the Corporation and after it is sanctioned by the Government. The Corporation will prepare the scheme as early as possible."

Patamata Pumping Scheme, Krishna district.

* 1069 Q.—SRI M. LAKSHMANASWAMY : Will the Hon. he Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) the area contemplated to be brought under cultivation in the Patamata Pumping Scheme (Krishna district); and

(b) the area cultivated in the year 1952–53?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) An extent of 500 acres.

" (b) The scheme in question has not yet been completed and brought to beneficial use so as to facilitate the cultivation of paddy. An extent of about 475·97 acres has been under cultivation during 1952–53 with commercial crops."

Ammayapathi Drinking Water-supply Scheme for Pudukkottai town.

* 1070 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Pudukkottai Municipal Council has recommended and submitted a scheme known as 'Ammayapathi Scheme' to solve the drinking water problem of Pudukkottai town population;

(b) if so, whether the Government have implemented the scheme; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

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THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (a) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (b) & (c) After an inspection by the Sanitary Engineer, the Municipal Commissioner has been asked to modify the proposals and send revised plans and estimates for technical sanction. These are yet to be received from the Municipal Commissioner. Further action will be taken on receipt of the revised proposals from the Commissioner."

Extension of Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to Chidambaram.

* 1071 Q.—SRI A. RATHINAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state with reference to the answer to starred question No. 413 given on 8th April 1953 whether the Government have since decided to extend the Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act to the Chidambaram taluk?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Yes. The Tanjore Tenants and Pannaiyal Protection Act, 1952, has been extended with effect from 1st July 1953 to a major portion of Chidambaram taluk and six villages of Cuddalore taluk, by means of a notification, dated 1st July 1953."

House-sites for Harijans in Kallakurichi taluk.

* 1072 Q.—SRI L. ANANDAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state the number of Harijans who have been assigned land for house-sites in Kallakurichi taluk which is in Firka Development Area and the total extent of land so assigned in 1952–53?

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO :—" House-sites were not assigned to Harijans in Kallakurichi taluk during 1952–53. Only two applications have been received during the period and they are under enquiry."

Repairs to bridges in East Godavari.

* 1073 Q.—SRI C. V. K. RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(a) how many bridges in East Godavari district require repairs;

(b) since when are they in such condition; and

(c) whether any steps were taken to get them repaired for use?

THE HON. SRI N. RANGA REDDI :—" (a) The bridge over the Pampa River at Annavaram and the bridge over the Yeluru River at Yerravaram require repairs.

" (b) Since 1949.

" (c) The bridge over the Pampa River is under reconstruction (estimate Rs. 2·5 lakhs) and it is expected to be opened for traffic on 15th July 1953. The work of reconstructing the